

Woodward-Lord House  
Hanover (41 College Street)  
Grafton County  
New Hampshire

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## WOODWARD-LORD HOUSE

Location: Hanover, Grafton County, New Hampshire (41 College Street)  
Present Owner: John R. Scotford, Hanover, New Hampshire  
Present Occupant: John R. Scotford  
Brief Statement of Significance: Early building, rather elegant for the area, home of Nathan Lord, a president of Dartmouth College.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Original owner, William H. Woodward. Owned by Nathan Lord 1830-1870.
2. Date of erection: 1802
3. Builder: House built under the supervision of the original owner, William H. Woodward.
4. Reference: John R. Scotford, Jr., A History of the Lord House (Student Thesis in Baker Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 1951).

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: William H. Woodward who built the house was an early lawyer in Hanover and an official of Dartmouth College. Nathan Lord who owned the house 1830-1870 was a president of Dartmouth College.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

This structure is an example of the larger, more elegant class of houses in this area. The condition of the fabric is sound and well maintained.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall size: Rectangular frame structure, two stories plus cellar, five bays wide by three bays deep.
2. Foundations: Brick.
3. Wall construction: Timber frame, clapboards.
4. Stoops: Modern concrete entrance stoop.
5. Chimneys: Two brick chimneys, one at each end wall.
6. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: Six panel entrance door with side and transom lights. Broad, pilastered door frame with moulded and reeded trim.
  - b. Windows and shutters: 6/6 light, double hung windows. High ornamental heads on first floor windows with moulded and reeded trim, match entrance door frame. Shutters divided into upper and lower halves with fixed louvers on upper half and adjustable louvers on lower half.
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Hipped roof with pedimented gable added over entrance door. Shuttered fan light in pediment. Sheet metal roof covering.
  - b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed, moulded eaves, Greek profiles. Reeded bed course. Doric entablature. Corner boards emphasized with moulded enframing.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

Central hall type plan with chimneys located in the outer end walls. Principal rooms to either side of the central hall, kitchen to the rear, bedrooms on second floor in similar arrangement.

D. Site:

1. General setting: The house is located on a large lot on a residential street in a small town. The property is several feet above the level of the street and separated from the street level by a dry laid, stone retaining wall.
2. Walks: Modern concrete steps and walks.
3. Landscaping: Informal, lawn, trees and shrubs.

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